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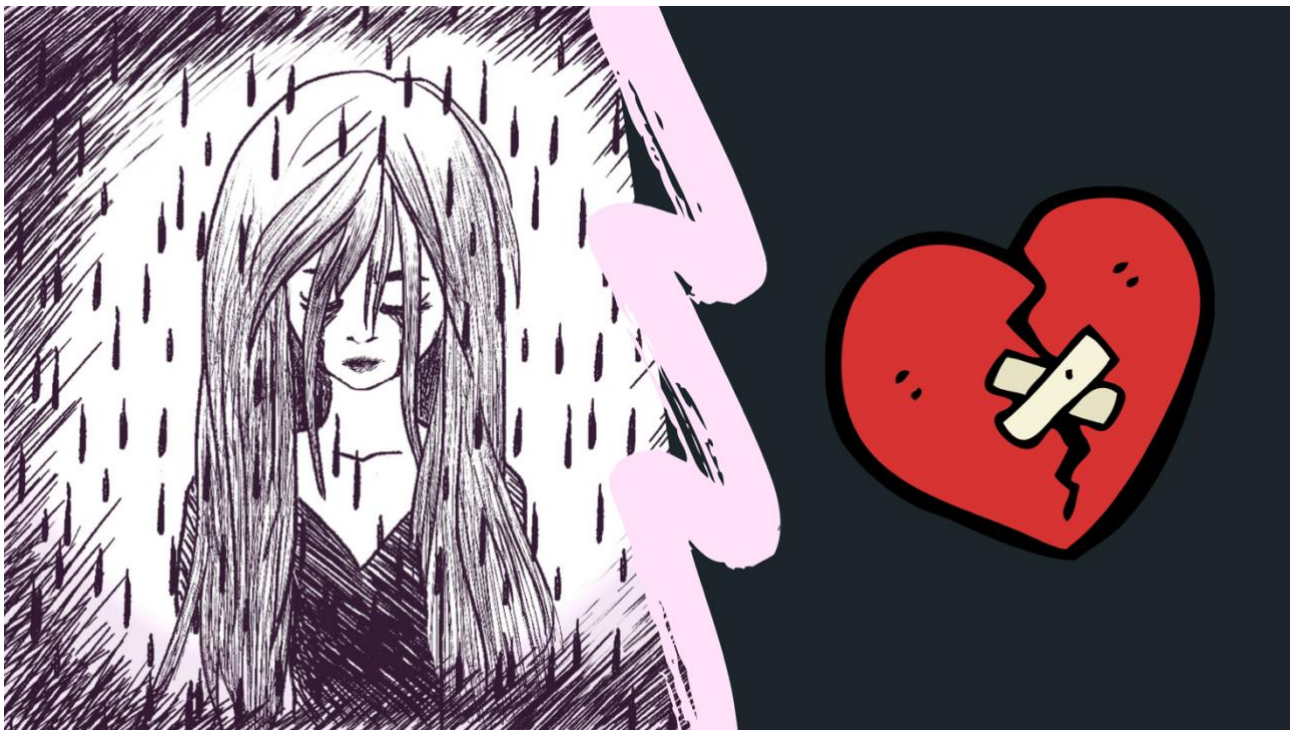

# *How a broken heart inspired this artist to spread love to others with free art books*

She told him: “If you go out that door, don’t ever come back” but deep down she wanted him to stay and not give up on them. He left. She knew that this time he left for good.

This exact moment played over and over in her head. The memories of him kept haunting her day and night. The most hurtful part was, it seems like he moved on so easily. ‘Time heals all wounds’ they say and the suffering is only temporary. This might be true, but the scars never left her the same. When it all came together, she forgave him and gave herself a gift: moving on and letting go...

From the struggles of love, a compassion for others and rediscovery of creativity came. With a healing heart, a passion was born to inspire everyone to love more and never lose hope. She embarked on a journey to create books with the small pleasures of life – called Story No. 9.

As time passed by, nothing happened and the books didn't go anywhere. She still continued to stay patient and was committed to waiting for something great. For a long time, she didn't seem to have any luck with her dream or love. She encountered other relationships and purposely ignored many red flags in the ones she had because she HOPED that it would work out. It never did and these red flags would come back and haunt her down the road.

Through these love books, she found strength and self-worth. No one could take away the fire in her eyes. She kept hoping and believing that there were greater things out there. She never stopped believing in love. It was a turning point when she decided to move back to her parents, to start all over again.

At this unexpected time, 7100 miles away between Hawaii and Denmark, Sean and Nhi connected from the first 'like' on Instagram. After hundreds of hours of talking on Livestream, snapping, laughing, telling stories, writing long notes, singing – they finally met and two souls connected.

They had an immediate connection in a way that she never felt before. Their love is so deep and strong, it made her realize what real love is supposed to be. What she had in mind back then, couldn't phantom what she had now. What she thought was great in the past, wasn't great at all. Once true love was discovered, she never looked back again.

This couple found a common passion for people and helping them forming long lasting relationships. Based on the existing books which celebrate the small pleasures of life, they took this to a new level. Derived from their past love struggles in this modern world, they present a little book to help others love more and be happier.

Their dream is to spread love everywhere they go – through creativity. The rest is... Story No. 9.

Here are some of life's small pleasures:

1. **Make a home-cooked meal**

2. **Ask fo a slow dance**

3. **Serve breakfast in bed**

4. **Make a delicious sandwich**

5. **Go out for an ice cream**

6. **Invitation to a movie date**

7. **Bake something from the heart**

8. **Massage each other**

9. **Give them anything they wish for!**

**About the Author/s:**

Nhi and her team are artists from around the world who created a series of beautifully illustrated personalized gift books with love tickets for him, her, or a friend. Each book can be redeemed for a range of activities, like a home-cooked meal or watching the sunset. It allows you to express love in a simple, unique and unfiltered way. Encouraging you to present a truly thoughtful gift by putting in the work and effort, required for successful relationships.

Her life partner, martial artist and religion major, Sean Kaleponi—present a simple guide with theories (some of them are funny) to love more and become happier by focusing on SELF, GOOD RELATIONSHIPS, LOVE & SEX.

The project has been on the go for three years, and earlier this year, the tickets and digital books were made available online for free. Hard copies of the books are currently also available for sale. In order to raise funding to distribute the books and produce styles that will appeal to a wider audience, Story No. 9 is launching a Kickstarter on 11 November 2019.

Learn more about this project storynine.gift/kickstarter.

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